GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3280
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COMPENSATION ON LOSS OF LIFE IN FLIGHT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a passenger was found dead in the toilet of the aircraft of Indian flight as reported in `The Times of India` dated June 19, 2007; and

(b) if so, the facts and the guidelines laid down for the payment of compensation in such cases to the relatives of the passenger who die in the plane?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) and (b) :Yes, Sir. Shri Madhur Kharbanda, who was travelling by IC-859 of 18th June, 2007, had gone to the rear toilet and when he did not return for quite some time the Cabin Crew opened the door and found him collapsed in the toilet. Shri Kharbanda was immediately attended to by three doctors on board and first aid was administered. After landing of the flight, Shri Kharbanda was also observed by the Doctor arranged by Singapore officials and was pronounced dead. As per policy, no compensation is payable to the relative of a passenger who dies a natural death on board.